

Report of the Strategic Director Place to the meeting of Bradford South Area Committee to be held on Wednesday 25 January 2023

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Subject:

**VICTORIA ROAD/STONY LANE, BRADFORD, TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES -
OBJECTIONS**

Summary statement:

This report considers objections received to recently advertised proposals for traffic calming measures around the junction of Victoria Road/Stony Lane, Bradford.

EQUALITY & DIVERSITY:

It is expected that there will be no disproportionate impact on Equality & Diversity from the project recommended for implementation within this report. The council has considered its obligations under the Equalities Act 2010 and in particular, but not exclusively, the Public Sector Equality Duty. The Council is satisfied that the report proposes no discrimination on users of the public highway with those characteristics considered protected from discrimination under that duty.

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Overview & Scrutiny Area:

Regeneration and Environment

Ward: Eccleshill

1. SUMMARY

1.1 This report considers objections to recently advertised proposals for traffic calming measures around the Victoria Road/Stony Lane junction, Bradford.

2. BACKGROUND

2.1 Concerns have historically been raised about accidents at the junction of Victoria Road and Stony Lane. Collisions records show that 5 injury/collisions have occurred in the previous 5 years and two of these resulted in serious injuries.

2.2 At the Bradford East Area Committee held on the 5 July 2022, funding was approved as part of the Safe Roads schemes programme to introduce traffic safety measures around the junction of Victoria Road and Stony Lane, Bradford.

2.3 The location of the proposed traffic calming measures is shown on drawing nos. HS/TRSS/105392/CON-1A, attached as Appendix 1.

2.4 The proposals were advertised between 17 November 2022 and 9 December 2022. Consultation letters and plans were also delivered to residents and businesses in the immediate vicinity of the proposals. This resulted in two objections.

2.5 A summary of the valid points of objection and corresponding officer comments is tabulated below:

Objectors Concerns	Officers Comments
<p><u>Objector No 1</u></p> <p>I object to the proposal for humps as identified above. Humps are ineffective against speeding drivers and are dangerous for normal motorists who try to find a way through humps without damaging their cars.</p>	<p>All traffic calming features are built to national guidelines. Vehicles travelling over road humps at appropriate speeds should not suffer damage, provided the humps conform to the Highways (Road Hump) Regulations. Unfortunately there will be a small percentage of drivers who are intent on speeding regardless of what measures are implemented to try and make the roads a safer place. These speeding vehicles do so with risk to damaging their vehicles.</p>

<p><u>Objector No 2</u></p> <p>Unless I am mistaken wasn't there a report published several years ago that road humps were a cause of more pollution and if anything they all should all be removed. Spend the money on repairing all the pot holes around Bradford.</p>	<p>Conflicting studies have been produced regarding this issue. Some studies have stated nitrogen oxide levels increased in slower driving conditions, where as Carbon Monoxide and Hydro Carbon emissions were reduced. Other studies have shown that all levels of pollution were lowered. Having said this, we have to balance, taking action to reduce traffic collisions and increase road safety for all users against the issue of pollution. Currently as part of the Safe Roads schemes programme, funding was approved for this project to be delivered to ensure the safety of all users.</p> <p>If there are specific concerns regarding pot holes these can be logged with the Highway Maintenance department who have a separate budget to consider these issues.</p>
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3. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

- 3.1 Local ward members and the emergency services have been consulted on the proposals. Ward member comments were received and incorporated as part of the scheme. No adverse comments have been received from emergency services.

4. FINANCIAL & RESOURCE APPRAISAL

- 4.1 The estimated cost of the proposals is £20,000. This can be met from the 2022/23 Safe Roads Budget previously approved by this committee.

5. RISK MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE ISSUES

- 5.1 A failure to implement highway safety improvements would result in ongoing concern about the safety around the junction and the likelihood of continued collisions/casualties.

6. LEGAL APPRAISAL

6.1 There are no specific issues arising from this report. The course of action proposed is in accordance with the Council's powers as Highway Authority.

7. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

7.1 SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

There are no Sustainability implications arising from this report.

7.2 GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS IMPACTS

There is no impact on the Council's own and the wider District's carbon footprint and emissions from other greenhouse gases arising from this report.

7.3 COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

The implementation of traffic calming measures around the junction should lead to a reduction in vehicle speeds and help to improve road safety and reduce casualty levels.

7.4 HUMAN RIGHTS ACT

There are no implications on the Human Rights Act

7.5 TRADE UNION

None

7.6 WARD IMPLICATIONS

Ward members have been consulted on the proposals.

**7.7 AREA COMMITTEE ACTION PLAN IMPLICATIONS
(for reports to Area Committees only)**

None

7.8 IMPLICATIONS FOR CORPORATE PARENTING

None.

7.9 ISSUES ARISING FROM PRIVACY IMPACT ASSESMENT

None

8. NOT FOR PUBLICATION DOCUMENTS

None

9. OPTIONS

- 9.1 That notwithstanding the objections given other material considerations, including those relating to road safety for members of the public the proposal be implemented as advertised.
- 9.2 That the objections be upheld and the proposal be abandoned.
- 9.3 Councillors may propose an alternative course of action from that recommended on which they will receive appropriate officer advice.

10. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 10.1 That notwithstanding the objections for the reasons given in this report the proposed traffic calming measures around the junction of Victoria Road and Stony Lane be implemented as advertised.
- 10.2 That the objectors be informed accordingly.

11. APPENDICES

Appendix 1 Drawing HS/TRSS/105392/CON-1A

12. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

- 12.1 City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council File Ref: HS/TRSS/105392



